

CPE Programme on ESG and BRSR Reporting

To commemorate Sustainability Month, EIRC organized an online webinar on January 27, 2026, titled "BRSR Reporting & Sustainability Accounting - The CMA's Role in ESG Performance." Resource person CMA CS Rambabu Pathak (Sr. Manager & CS, Eastern Coalfields Ltd.) provided expert insights, while CMA Abhijit Dutta (Secretary & Chairman, PD Committee) delivered the opening and closing remarks. The interactive session was a significant success, drawing over 200 CMA members who engaged in a deep dive into the evolving landscape of ESG and professional accountability.

CPE Webinar: Sustainability Management & the 6P Bottom Line

As part of Sustainability Month, EIRC hosted a high-impact webinar on January 31, 2026, focusing on "Sustainability Management with 6P Bottom Line – The CMA's Perspective." The session featured CMA Dr. Paritosh Basu (Senior Director, Stragility Consulting Pvt. Ltd.) as the resource person, who offered expert insights into modern sustainability frameworks. Coordinated by CMA Abhijit Dutta, the event saw an enthusiastic turnout of over 300 CMA members, fostering an interactive dialogue on how management accountants can drive value across the expanded dimensions of the bottom line.

CPE Programme: Post-Union Budget Analysis 2026-27

On February 6, 2026, EIRC hosted a comprehensive "Post-Union Budget Analysis 2026-27" at the EIRC Auditorium in Kolkata. The session featured expert commentary from budget analysts CMA Timir Baran Chatterjee and CMA Asish Sana, with a keynote address by CMA Subhasish Chakraborty and special insights from Council Member CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay. Organized by the Professional Development Committee and led by CMA Abhijit Dutta, the event provided a deep dive into fiscal changes for over 100 CMA members, fostering a lively and interactive professional dialogue.

CAT Valedictory Session and Certificate Distribution

On February 13, 2026, EIRC hosted a Valedictory Session for the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) course at the EIRC Auditorium, Kolkata. The event featured an address by guest of honor Lieutenant Colonel Manoj Khati, alongside insights from CMA Subhasish Chakraborty and a virtual welcome from Vice-Chairman CMA Damodar Mishra. Following a vote of thanks by Secretary CMA Abhijit Dutta, the session concluded with the successful distribution of course completion certificates to all candidates.

Career Awareness Programme at Techno India University

On February 20, 2026, EIRC conducted a successful Career Awareness Programme at Techno India University, Kolkata. The session, led by guest faculty CMA Sourav Chakraborty, provided over 80 students and faculty members with a comprehensive overview of the CMA course structure, examination process, and diverse global career opportunities. The initiative aimed to guide aspiring professionals toward strategic roles in management accounting and financial leadership.

45th Cost Conference – 2026: PARIVARTANPATH

The EIRC, in association with the Asansol Chapter and in coordination with all the Chapters in the Eastern Region successfully hosted the two-day 45th Cost Conference from February 28 to March 1, 2026, in Asansol. Themed "PARIVARTANPATH: Navigating Change – Total Cost Management, Technology, Finance – Transforming Insights" the event drew over 750 participants, including industry leaders, regulators, and CMA professionals. The conference featured high-level technical sessions on strategic cost management, Next-Gen accounting, GST 2.0, and Fintech innovation. Distinguished guests, including CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad (President) and various CMDs from leading PSUs, highlighted the CMA's evolving role in achieving Viksit Bharat 2047. The event held the Inaugural session, Technical Session – I, Technical Session II, Technical Session III, Technical Session IV and Motivational Session. The milestone event

concluded with a grand Valedictory Session and Advisory Meet, reinforcing the profession's commitment to technology, transparency, and national growth.

International Women's Day: Rights, Justice, and Action

On March 8, 2026, EIRC celebrated International Women's Day at the EIRC Auditorium with a powerful theme centered on accountability and professional excellence. Keynote speaker CMA Arati Ganguly (Chairperson, EIRC) and guests including CMA Pallavi Luharuka and Smt. Debasree Roy Sarkar emphasized women's roles as primary drivers of India's economic growth. The session highlighted how inclusion and leadership in the workforce are essential for sustainable development, drawing support from several former presidents and council members.

Inaugural Sessions: Advanced Skill Training Program (ASTP)

EIRC successfully launched two batches of the 12-Day Advanced Skill Training Programme at the J.N. Bose Auditorium in Kolkata for newly qualified CMAs:

- ⦿ Batch-1 (March 11, 2026): Inaugurated by CMA Niranjana Bhalerao (Director-Finance, GRSE), this session welcomed approximately 150 participants from the December 2025 term. Regional and Council members provided career guidance and professional blessings to the young graduates.
- ⦿ Batch-2 (March 23, 2026): The second phase was formally opened by Chief Guest CMA R.V.N. Vishweshwar (Director-Finance & CFO, Hindustan Copper Limited). The leadership team, including the Chairperson and Vice-Chairman, addressed the trainees, focusing on the practical skills required for a bright professional trajectory.

SOUTH ODISHA CHAPTER

Seminar: Income Tax Act – 2025: Navigating Complexity to Simplicity

The Chapter organized a one-day technical

seminar on February 18, 2026, at S-3 Lawns, Ambapua. The event featured in-depth sessions by CA Pawan Kumar Agarwal, who detailed the registration and assessment of Charitable Trusts, and CA Asim Prakash, who analyzed the latest amendments within the Income Tax Act – 2025. Inaugurated by Chapter Chairman CMA Akshya Kumar Swain and welcomed by MDP Chairman CMA Lipu Panda, the program drew over 105 participants, including members of the Ganjam Chamber of Commerce and the Tax Bar Association, providing a vital platform for clearing regulatory doubts.

DHANBAD CHAPTER

IOTP Training for Final Students: Dhanbad Chapter

In March 2026, the Chapter successfully conducted the Industry Oriented Training Programme (IOTP) specifically designed for CMA Final students. This mandatory training focused on bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry requirements, equipping the future CMAs with essential operational skills. The sessions covered critical areas of management accounting, corporate governance, and hands-on professional practices, ensuring students are well-prepared for the rigors of the global corporate environment.

Annual Seminar 2026: AI – A Decision-Making Tool for the Profession

The Chapter successfully organized its Annual Seminar on March 22, 2026, focusing on the transformative theme, "Artificial Intelligence - A Decision Making Tool for the Profession." The technical sessions explored the integration of AI in management accounting, emphasizing how automated insights and predictive analytics are redefining the CMA's role in strategic governance. The event provided a vital platform for members to discuss the shift from traditional data processing to AI-driven financial leadership, ensuring the profession remains at the forefront of the digital evolution.

ROURKELA CHAPTER

Outreach Programme on the New Income Tax Act, 2025

On March 13, 2026, the Chapter, in collaboration with the Tax Research Department and the Income Tax Department, hosted an impactful outreach programme at the Rourkela Club. The event featured Sri R.S. Jajoo, IRS (Additional Commissioner of Income Tax) as Guest of Honour, alongside special guests CMA B.B. Nayak (Former President) and CMA Arati Ganguly (Chairperson, EIRC).

Technical sessions led by experts like Sri Suman Debray and CMA K.K. Verma provided deep dives into the New Income Tax Act, covering TDS/TCS provisions and compliance transparency. A highlight of the event was the felicitation of seven newly qualified CMAs. The programme successfully bridged the gap between tax administration and industry, drawing over 100 participants from major organizations like Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) and NSPCL.

BHUBANESWAR CHAPTER

International Women’s Day Celebration

The Chapter celebrated International Women’s Day on March 9, 2026, with an inspiring event featuring a diverse panel of leaders. The session was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Subhashree Nanda, IAS (Special Secretary, Govt. of Odisha) and Chief Speaker Smt. Sakuntala Bidhani, IAS (Retd.), alongside Guest of Honour CMA Damodar Mishra (Vice-Chairman, EIRC). Distinguished guests from finance, academia, and the arts—including CMA Sangita Das, Dr. Snigdharani Panda, Dr. Meghana Mishra, and Ms. Debjani Deghuria—shared multifaceted perspectives on women’s empowerment. Led by Chapter Chairman CMA Sarat Kumar Behera, the programme drew over 150 participants, reinforcing the commitment to inclusive professional growth.

Practitioner Meet: New Income Tax Act & Rules – 2026

The Chapter hosted a specialized Practitioner

Meet on March 14, 2026, at CMA Bhawan. The session focused on the "New Income Tax Act, 2025" and the newly introduced "Income Tax Rules & Forms, 2026." Over 50 members participated in an in-depth technical discussion, analyzing the practical implications of the updated filing requirements and regulatory changes to ensure seamless transition and compliance in their professional practices.

IOTP Training for Final Students (June 2026 Term)

From March 13 to March 22, 2026, the Chapter successfully conducted a mandatory 10-day Industry Oriented Training Programme (IOTP) at CMA Bhawan. Designed for over 70 CMA Final students appearing in the June 2026 term, the curriculum bridged academic theory with industrial reality. Led by eminent faculty and industry experts, the sessions covered advanced accounting, taxation, and compliance through interactive case studies, significantly enhancing the professional competencies of the upcoming cohort.

Three-Day Professional Practice Workshop

From March 23 to March 25, 2026, the Chapter conducted a comprehensive three-day workshop aimed at addressing the practical challenges faced by CMA practitioners. Each day saw active participation from over 50 members, covering a rigorous technical agenda:

- Day 1: Analysis of recent Company Law amendments and their impact on ROC compliance.
- Day 2: In-depth session on Income Tax and TDS filing, focusing on updated procedures and best practices.
- Day 3: Hands-on workshop regarding GST Return filing and navigating the digital tax ecosystem.

The event served as a critical knowledge-sharing platform, ensuring members remain compliant with the rapidly evolving regulatory landscape of 2026.

Glimpses of Eastern India Regional Council



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NORTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

JAIPUR CHAPTER

58th Foundation Day Celebration and Union Budget 2026

The Chapter vibrantly celebrated its 58th Foundation Day, combining a milestone anniversary with a live telecast and expert discussion of the Union Budget 2026. Coordinated by CMA Deeptanshu Pareek, the event featured a keynote from Chairperson CMA Purnima Goyal on the chapter's growth and insights from NIRC Chairman CMA Rakesh Yadav on the Institute's future direction. Members engaged in a deep dive into the budget's economic implications and professional impact, while the festivities concluded with a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony. The day successfully honored the chapter's rich legacy while fostering professional excellence and renewed commitment among its members.

Achieves Record Breaking Success in December 2025 Exams

The Chapter is celebrating an outstanding

academic milestone following the December 2025 examinations, securing 10 All India Ranks in Intermediate and 9 in Final categories. With impressive pass percentages of 38.82% and 40.60% respectively, the Chapter hosted a victory celebration where key dignitaries, including NIRC Chairman CMA Rakesh Yadav and Chairperson CMA Purnima Goyal, honored the students' perseverance and the vital support of their families. Leadership insights from CMA Harendra Kumar Pareek and CMA Deepak Kumar Khandelwal emphasized discipline and consistent hard work as the "fuel" for professional brilliance. Coordinated by CMA S. L. Swami, the event reinforced the Chapter's commitment to mentoring excellence and collective student success.

Comprehensive Seminar on the New Income Tax Act, 2025

The Chapter, in collaboration with the Tax Research Department and the Income Tax Department, successfully conducted a full-day seminar on the New Income Tax Act, 2025, at the Rajasthan International Centre. Attended by

over 150 professionals and "Buddy CMAs," the event featured a keynote by Chief Guest Ms. Meetu Agarwal (Additional Commissioner of Income Tax), who highlighted the Act's focus on transparency and simplification. Led by Chairperson CMA Purnima Goyal and NIRC Chairman CMA Rakesh Yadav, the sessions provided deep technical dives

into amended provisions and transfer pricing. This initiative underscored the Chapter's commitment to regulatory preparedness, ensuring members are well-equipped to navigate the evolving tax landscape and strengthen national compliance systems.

Glimpses of Northern India Regional Council



Jaipur Chapter



Jaipur Chapter

SOUTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Empowering Women in Leadership: SIRC Celebration

On March 7, 2026, the SIRC hosted a dynamic International Women's Day program at Ambassador Pallava, Chennai, focused on "Building Personal Brand & Leadership as a Woman CMA." Facilitated by Treasurer CMA K.V.N. Lavanya, the event featured a high-impact panel discussion with accomplished leaders CMA Divya Abhishek, CMA M.L. Karuna Vishnuohtla, and CMA Ramya Seetharama. The speakers shared vital insights on career growth, continuous learning, and strategic branding, inspiring attendees to embrace leadership roles with confidence. The session, which opened with traditional honors and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, successfully reinforced the Institute's dedication to fostering professional excellence and empowerment within the CMA community.

Advancing Financial Intelligence: SIRC Power BI Workshop

On March 10 and 11, 2026, the SIRC conducted an intensive two-day workshop, "Next-Gen CMA Technology Series: Hands-on Power BI

for Finance," at CMA Bhawan, Chennai. Led by corporate trainer Ms. Bharathi M, the program provided CMAs with 8 CPE Hours of practical training covering data modeling, DAX foundations, and AI-driven visualization. Inaugurated by Secretary CMA Rajesh Sai Iyer and concluded by Regional Council Member CMA K. Gomathisankar, the sessions empowered participants to integrate advanced business intelligence into financial decision-making. The event underscored the Institute's commitment to bridging the gap between traditional accounting and modern data analytics.

Future-Proofing Finance: Generative & Agentic AI in Cost Accounting

On March 20, 2026, the SIRC hosted a forward-looking Professional Development Programme at CMA Bhawan, Chennai, titled "Generative & Agentic AI in Cost Accounting." Led by Chief AI Architect Shri Ganapathy Shankar, the session explored how autonomous AI agents and generative models are revolutionizing automation, predictive analytics, and operational efficiency within the profession. Following a welcome by Secretary CMA Rajesh Sai Iyer and a vibrant Q&A, the event—which included traditional honors and concluded with a vote of thanks by CMA K.

Gomathisankar—provided members with a critical roadmap for AI-driven transformation. The evening successfully blended cutting-edge technical insights with professional networking, underscoring the evolving role of the CMA in a digital-first economy.

Collaborative Excellence: SIRC Study Circle on Cost Audit

On March 21, 2026, the SIRC hosted a focused Study Circle Meeting at CMA Bhawan, Chennai, dedicated to a "Discussion on Cost Audit." Coordinated by Regional Council Member CMA Girish Kambadaraya, alongside Secretary CMA Rajesh Sai Iyer and CMA K. Gomathisankar, the evening provided a collaborative platform for members to navigate complex compliance requirements and practical auditing challenges. The interactive session encouraged the exchange of professional experiences and strategies for addressing emerging issues in the field. Following traditional honors and a comprehensive technical dialogue, the event concluded with a vote of thanks and dinner, reinforcing the value of peer-to-peer learning in maintaining high professional standards.

Mastering GST: SIRC Practitioner's Forum on Indirect Taxes

On March 23, 2026, the SIRC organized a specialized Professional Development Programme at CMA Bhawan, Chennai, focusing on critical updates in Goods and Services Tax (GST). Chaired by CMA Vishwanath Bhat, the forum featured distinguished Chief Guest and Speaker Dr. Balamurugan K, IRS (Rtd.), who provided an expert deep dive into the legal and procedural nuances of the GST Tribunal, as well as the complexities of Inverted Duty Structures and ITC Refunds. The session offered practitioners high-level technical analysis and practical solutions for navigating evolving tax laws. Following an engaging Q&A and a vote of thanks by Secretary CMA Rajesh Sai Iyer, the evening concluded with a networking dinner, further solidifying the Institute's role in advancing the technical expertise of its members.

TIRUCHIRAPALLI CHAPTER

Transitioning to the New Era: Seminar on the Income Tax Act, 2025

On March 25, 2026, the Chapter, in collaboration with the Income Tax Department, hosted a landmark

seminar on the New Income Tax Act, 2025, ahead of its April 1st implementation. The event featured Chief Guest Smt. Rajarajeswari, IRS, who highlighted the Act's simplified structure designed for the common man, while Special Guest CMA Rajendra Singh Bhati, Chairman, Direct Taxation Committee, discussed the expanding role and opportunities for CMAs under the new regime. Resource person CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravisankar provided a comprehensive technical review for a diverse audience of professionals, MSMEs, and the general public. Led by Chapter Chairman CMA N. Shanmugasundaram and concluded with a vote of thanks by CMA P. Manoharan, the seminar successfully bridged the gap between policy changes and practical professional readiness.

COIMBATORE CHAPTER

Empowering Future Leaders: Student Enrichment Program

On March 1, 2026, the Chapter hosted an Enrichment and Empowerment Programme specifically designed for CMA students. The event featured Dr. Sashadrinathan, Associate Professor and Head of the PG & Research Department of Commerce at D.G. Vaishnav College, Chennai, as the guest of honor. His presence provided students with valuable academic and professional perspectives, bridging the gap between collegiate research and the practical demands of the Cost and Management Accounting profession. This initiative underscored the Chapter's commitment to nurturing the next generation of CMAs through mentorship and holistic skill development.

Celebrating Resilience: International Women's Day at Chapter

The Chapter marked International Women's Day with a vibrant celebration focused on professional and personal empowerment. Chairman CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran opened the event by honoring the significant achievements of women in the profession, followed by an inspiring keynote from Dr. Banudevi. Her address highlighted the importance of consistency, economic independence, and the art of balancing career ambitions with personal life. Beyond the technical insights, the program fostered community spirit through engaging indoor games and prize distributions

for the participants. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Chapter Secretary CMA Subramaniam Kumar, successfully motivating the women members to pursue their leadership goals with renewed confidence.

Bridging the Gap: 12-Day Advanced Skill Training at Chapter

On March 12, 2026, the Chapter launched a comprehensive 12-Day Advanced Skill Training Programme specifically for the newly qualified Cost Accountants of the December 2025 term. The inauguration featured Shri Ravi K., CFO of Roots Group of Companies, as the Chief Guest, who provided industry-level perspectives on the evolving expectations for finance professionals. Following the inauguration, Chairman CMA (Dr.) R. Maheswaran and Secretary CMA Subramaniam Kumar delivered a special orientation and conducted mock interview sessions for the 45 participants. This intensive initiative aimed to sharpen the technical and soft skills of the "finishers," ensuring they are corporate-ready and equipped to navigate the competitive global job market.

Professional Excellence: ASTP Launch and Presidential Address at Coimbatore

The Chapter successfully commenced the first session of its Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP) on March 13, 2026, aimed at refining the technical competencies of its members. Following the initial training, the Chapter hosted a high-profile session on March 14, where the President personally addressed the newly qualified members who passed the December 2025 term. This dual-day event combined rigorous skill enhancement with leadership mentorship, providing the "finishers" with both the practical tools and the professional vision needed to excel in their careers. The President's presence underscored the Institute's national support for the Coimbatore Chapter's initiatives in bridging the gap between qualification and corporate readiness.

Global Perspectives: International Conclave on AI-Driven Finance

On March 17, 2026, PSG College of Arts and Science, in collaboration with the Chapter hosted a high-profile International Level Conclave titled "AI Driven Finance: Business Growth and Cost

Optimization." Representing the Institute, Chairman CMA (Dr.) R. Maheswaran and Secretary CMA Subramaniam Kumar participated in the global dialogue, which focused on the transformative power of artificial intelligence in modern financial management. The conclave explored critical strategies for leveraging AI to accelerate business expansion while maintaining rigorous cost efficiency. By partnering with a premier academic institution, the Chapter successfully facilitated a cross-border exchange of ideas, reinforcing the CMA's pivotal role in navigating the future of technology-led finance.

Honoring the Graduates Convocation 2026

On March 22, 2026, the Chapter celebrated a major milestone by hosting the Graduation Day for December 2025 qualified students at Dr. NGP Arts and Science College. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Dr. S. Saravanan, Principal of the college, and Guest of Honour CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya, Chairman of SIRC. Following the official opening by Chapter Chairman CMA (Dr.) R. Maheswaran, the event featured the presentation of certificates, the administration of the Convocation Pledge, and the distribution of "Distinguished Mentor" and "Dynamic Student" awards. The program also honored the faculties of the Pre-Placement Orientation Programme, highlighting the collaborative effort behind the students' success. Ending with a grand procession and group photography, the convocation served as a formal induction for the new graduates into the professional CMA fraternity.

Navigating Reform: Seminar on the New Income Tax Act, 2025

On March 24, 2026, the ICAI Tax Research Department and Chapter, in collaboration with the Income Tax Department of India, hosted a pivotal seminar on the "Features of the New Income Tax Act, 2025" at Zone by The Park, Coimbatore. The session was led by subject specialist CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravisankar, who provided an in-depth analysis of the legislative shifts effective from the upcoming financial year. Chief Guest Elamurugu Govindarajan, IRS, and Guest of Honour CMA Rajendra Singh Bhati graced the occasion, emphasizing the importance of professional readiness in the face of these major tax

reforms. The evening served as a vital knowledge-sharing platform, ensuring that members and tax practitioners are fully equipped to implement the new provisions with accuracy and confidence.

SALEM CHAPTER

High-Level Engagement: Presidential Visit to Chapter

On March 19, 2026, the Chapter hosted a prestigious Members Meet at CJ Pallozzio, highlighted by the visit of President, CMA T.C.A.S. Prasad. The gathering served as a strategic platform for professional dialogue, attended by approximately 20 key members of the chapter. Adding to the significance of the event, the newly elected Chairman of CII, Salem Zone, also participated, fostering stronger ties between the Institute and the local industrial leadership. This meeting underscored the Chapter's commitment to high-level networking and collaborative growth, providing members with a rare opportunity to engage directly with national leadership and influential industry bodies.

Professional Synergy and Celebration: Salem Residential Members Meet

The Chapter hosted a multifaceted two-day Residential Members Meet on March 8–9, 2026, at Moon Light Resort, Edapadi. The event blended professional advocacy with community celebration, beginning with an International Women's Day tribute to female pioneers and achievers. A core highlight of the retreat was a strategic forum where members deliberated on the practical challenges facing Cost Auditors; these insights are currently being compiled for formal submission to the President and the SIRC Chairman. The program also featured robust Professional Development (PD) sessions led by CMA Rajasekhar and Dr. CMA K. Nagarajan, alongside recreational sports and award distributions. This comprehensive gathering successfully strengthened professional bonds while addressing critical industry issues in a collaborative, residential setting.

VISAKHAPATNAM CHAPTER

Industry Insights: Management Accounting in the Pharmaceutical Sector

On February 28, 2026, the Chapter hosted a

specialized Professional Development Programme titled "Management Accounting Framework for Sustainable Profitability in the Pharmaceutical Industry" at the Chapter premises. The session was led by CMA Mallik Mantha, Deputy General Manager (F&A) at Alivira Animal Health Limited, who shared expert perspectives on cost optimization and financial sustainability within the complex pharma landscape. Under the leadership of Chairman CMA U. Lakshmana Rao and Vice-Chairman CMA G. Ramalinga Reddy, the event provided members with a practical roadmap for applying management accounting tools to drive long-term profitability. This focused technical session reinforced the Chapter's commitment to providing industry-specific knowledge to its professional community.

COCHIN CHAPTER

Navigating GSTR-9/9C: Compliance and Best Practices at Chapter

On December 3, 2025, the Chapter hosted a high-impact Professional Development (PD) Programme titled "Annual GST Return (GSTR 9/9C): Challenges, Checks, and Compliance" at CMA Bhavan, Vyttila. The session was led by CA (Shri.) Jithindas A. H., ICoAS, Assistant Director of the Central GST Audit Commissionerate, who provided a specialized departmental perspective on reconciliation, common filing errors, and audit observations. Welcomed by CMA Renjini R and concluded with a vote of thanks by CMA Arun Kumar S, the interactive workshop equipped CMA members and industry delegates with the practical tools needed for accurate and compliant GST reporting. The program successfully bridged the gap between theoretical law and the rigorous demands of departmental audits, enhancing the professional readiness of all participants.

Driving the Green Agenda: Two-Day ESG Residential Programme in Vagamon

On December 13–14, 2025, the Sustainability Standards Board (SSB), in collaboration with the Chapter, hosted a landmark residential programme titled "ESG: Empowering Enterprises for a Sustainable Future" in Vagamon, Kerala. The event featured a keynote by Shri A. P. M. Mohammed Hanish, IAS, Principal Secretary (Industries), who detailed the Kerala Government's

sustainability initiatives. Technical sessions led by experts from Cochin Shipyard, Bureau Veritas, and SEBI provided deep dives into industrial sustainability, ESG reporting assurance, and responsible investment frameworks. A high-level panel discussion moderated by SIRC Chairperson CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya addressed practical implementation challenges and the road ahead for enterprises. Attended by over 80 delegates and their families, the programme combined rigorous professional development with a symbolic "Green Steps" ceremony, reinforcing ICAI's leadership in shaping the future of sustainable business practices.

Empowering Veterans: Inauguration of CAT-DGR Batch 2 in Cochin

On December 17, 2025, the Chapter officially inaugurated the second batch of the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) Course under the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) scheme. This Ministry of Defence initiative provides structured accounting and skill development specifically for retiring and retired Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and other ranks from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The ceremony was formally inaugurated by Commander Rahil Rai, DRZ (South), with a welcome address by Chapter Chairperson CMA Renjini R, who emphasized the Institute's role in facilitating smooth career transitions for defense personnel. Concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice Chairman CMA George P. Mathew, the program highlights ICAI's commitment to national service by equipping veterans with the professional expertise required for the corporate financial landscape.

From Compliance to Competence: Webinar on Ind AS 10

On January 21, 2026, the Chapter continued its technical webinar series, "From Compliance to Competence," with a focused session on Ind AS 10: Events After the Reporting Period. The program featured CMA Ramsankar Mishra, Senior Manager (Finance) at MRPL, who explored the strategic intersection of Ind AS 10 with cost auditing and financial statement presentation. The session provided a deep dive into distinguishing between adjusting events (those providing evidence of conditions existing at the reporting date) and non-adjusting events, emphasizing their specific

impacts on cost records. By bridging the gap between financial accounting standards and cost audit accuracy, the webinar equipped participants with the expertise to ensure reporting transparency and regulatory compliance in a dynamic corporate environment.

Pragathi 2026: Transforming Taxation and Management Leadership

On January 23, 2026, the Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce at St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, organized the prestigious management fest "Pragathi – 2026." The event was inaugurated by Shri Saji Daniel, CFO of Cochin International Airport, who underscored the critical role of cost accounting in both national and international business success. He highlighted the rapid growth of Cochin International Airport, noting its high ranking in passenger traffic and the strong government support driving its expansion. In her presidential address, CMA Renjini R., Chairperson Chapter, reminded students that technical knowledge must be paired with effective communication and leadership skills to navigate a developing world. The fest, which featured addresses from academic leaders including Rev. Sr. Francis Ann and Dr. Anu Joseph, served as a vibrant platform for competition and networking, successfully bridging the gap between academic theory and the practical demands of modern management.

Finance Quest 2026: Elevating Financial Acumen in Cochin

On January 30, 2026, the Chapter hosted "Finance Quest – 2026," a premier quiz competition for final-year Commerce students across Ernakulam District. Inaugurated by Chapter Chairperson CMA Renjini R. at CMA Bhavan, the event featured 42 participants from 13 colleges competing in a rigorous series of preliminary and final rounds. Under the expert quiz-mastery of Prof. (Dr.) Rajagopala Nair, Dean of Bhavan's Royal Institute of Management, the team from Cochin College, Fort Cochin, secured the first prize, followed by teams from Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, taking both second and third places. By providing a high-energy platform for students to demonstrate their financial expertise, the competition successfully fostered a spirit of academic excellence and

professional networking among the region's future finance leaders.

Strategic Analysis: Union Budget 2026 Seminar at Chapter

On February 6, 2026, the Chapter, in collaboration with the ICSI, hosted an intensive half-day Professional Development Programme on the Union Budget 2026 at CMA Bhavan, Vyttila. The seminar provided a triple-perspective analysis: Shri Raghu MS (Joint Director, IT) broke down Direct Tax amendments and international taxation implications; Smt. Farah Zachariah (Joint Commissioner, CGST) detailed critical Indirect Tax procedural reforms; and Professor Rudra Sensarma (IIM Kozhikode) delivered a high-level economic overview of fiscal policies and growth outlooks. This interdisciplinary approach equipped members and finance professionals with a holistic understanding of the budget's impact on corporate compliance and the broader macroeconomic landscape, fostering a deeper mastery of the new fiscal regime.

Bridging the Gap: Ind AS 10 Webinar on Post-Reporting Events

On February 12, 2026, the Chapter hosted a specialized Professional Development webinar titled "Ind AS 10: Events After the Reporting Period – Impact on Cost Records and Financial Statement Presentation." Led by CMA Ramsankar Mishra, Senior Manager (Finance) at MRPL, the session provided a critical analysis of how events occurring between the board approval and the reporting date influence both statutory financial statements and cost records. A particular focus was placed on revenue recognition principles and the practicalities of adjusting cost data to reflect significant post-balance sheet developments. Through industry-specific examples and an interactive Q&A, the program successfully demonstrated how mastering Ind AS 10 acts as a strategic enabler for accuracy in cost auditing and high-standard financial reporting.

Legal Evolution: Joint Seminar on Labour Code 2025

On February 26, 2026, the Chapter in collaboration with the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), organized a high-level seminar on the "Labour Code 2025" at the NUALS campus in Kalamassery. The session was led by Adv. Aman

Sinha, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, who provided a comprehensive analysis of the new regulatory framework, focusing on its organizational implications and the practical challenges of implementation. With opening remarks by Chapter Secretary CMA Arun Kumar S and felicitations from NUALS Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) G. B. Reddy and Chapter Chairperson CMA Renjini R, the event bridged the gap between legal theory and professional practice. This collaborative initiative offered members vital conceptual clarity on India's evolving labor reforms, ensuring they remain at the forefront of compliance and workforce management.

Global Trade Expansion: Joint ICAI-FIEO Seminar on FTAs

On March 12, 2026, the Chapter, in partnership with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), hosted a strategic seminar titled "Benefits under Recently Signed Free Trade Agreements – Export Opportunities for MSMEs and Labour-Intensive Industries." Held at CMA Bhavan, Vyttila, the session featured a powerhouse panel including Sri. Hassan Usaid N.A., ITS (Deputy DGFT) and Sri. Anil Raj, IRS (Deputy Commissioner, Customs), alongside senior banking and FIEO experts. The discussions provided a roadmap for small and medium enterprises to navigate new international trade corridors, emphasizing duty concessions, streamlined customs procedures, and specialized MSME forex and loan facilities. By bridging the gap between policy and practice, the seminar equipped local entrepreneurs and professionals with the tactical knowledge needed to leverage India's evolving trade pacts for global competitive advantage.

Shaping Professionals: Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP) 2026

From March 14 to March 26, 2026, the Chapter conducted a rigorous two-phase Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP) for 85 CMA-qualified candidates from the December 2025 term. Designed to bridge the gap between academic qualification and industry leadership, the program featured a diverse faculty of CMAs, CAs, legal experts, and corporate trainers who covered technical competencies and essential soft skills. A critical component of the training involved case study presentations evaluated by expert panels, ensuring

practical application of knowledge. The program culminated in a grand Convocation and Valedictory Function at the Kerala Fine Arts Hall, inaugurated by Chief Guest CMA Santhosh J. Poovattil, MD of Cochin International Aviation Ltd. This initiative underscores the Chapter's dedication to producing "industry-ready" professionals equipped for global excellence.

Honoring Our Veterans: Valedictory of the CAT-DGR Programme

On March 27, 2026, the Chapter concluded its specialized Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) Programme for 31 personnel from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Spanning over three months at CMA Bhavan, the DGR-approved initiative was designed to transition defense professionals into the corporate accounting and management sectors. The valedictory ceremony, led by Chapter Chairperson CMA Renjini R. and Vice Chairperson CMA George P. Mathew, celebrated the successful completion of the course with a formal certificate distribution. By equipping these veterans with robust financial skills, the Chapter continues to play

a pivotal role in the national mission of resettling ex-servicemen into high-value professional roles post-service.

Ethical Governance and Policy: Labor Code 2025 Deep Dive

On March 27, 2026, the Chapter hosted a specialized session on the Labor Code 2025 featuring Shri Varkiachan Pettah, a distinguished member of the Justice Gopal Gowda Committee. Held at CMA Bhavan, Vyttila, the program moved beyond mere legal compliance to explore the social and ethical dimensions of the new code. Shri Pettah drew on his extensive policy experience to discuss real-world scenarios, emphasizing the importance of social responsibility and ethical decision-making for cost professionals. Welcomed by Chairperson CMA Renjini R. and concluded by Vice Chairman CMA George P. Mathew, the interactive afternoon provided members and students with a profound understanding of how contemporary labor reforms intersect with professional integrity and organizational governance.

Glimpses of Southern India Regional Council



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CMA PL-IX: A Season of Triumph

The 9th season of the CMA Premier League concluded with great fanfare at the Aryan Cricket Academy on March 1, 2026. Living up to its theme, "A Season Like Never Before," the tournament saw six teams battle through high-energy matches, culminating in a spectacular victory for the Dabbang Diwanji. Beyond the boundary ropes, the league served as a vital platform for the CMA fraternity, successfully blending intense competition with professional networking and a strong sense of camaraderie.

Webinar Success: Strategic Decisions for Value Creation

The Chapter hosted a highly successful online CPE webinar on March 6, 2026, titled "Strategic Decisions: From Numbers to Value Creation." Led by expert speaker CA Gaurav Sharma, the session provided 113 participants with critical insights into bridging the gap between financial analysis and strategic execution. The event was a significant professional development milestone, fostering meaningful engagement and equipping attendees with the analytical tools necessary to drive long-term value within their organizations.

Empowering Voices: Chapter Celebrates International Women's Day

On March 7, 2026, the Chapter hosted a vibrant International Women's Day celebration at Vanijya Bhavan. The event, which drew over 200 female students and several distinguished members, offered a powerful platform for mentorship and professional growth, awarding 4 CPE Hours to participants. Led by Chairperson CMA Amruta Vyas alongside an esteemed panel including CMA Kiran Mishra, CMA Bhavani Ghattamaneni, and CMA Susheela Maheshwari, the program highlighted personal journeys of excellence and reinforced the Chapter's commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive environment for the next generation of female accountants.

Celebrating Excellence: Convocation for December 2025

The Chapter hosted a grand Convocation Ceremony on March 7, 2026, to honor the academic brilliance of students from the December 2025 exam term. The event felicitated 61 Final and 186 Intermediate students, while celebrating 263 Foundation qualifiers, emphasizing the vital role of CMAs in driving organizational efficiency. Special recognition was given to local toppers Murtuzaali Nayabali Samlayawala (Final) and Arman Sanjay Kumar Rana (Foundation), alongside Jainam Shah, who secured the top spot for Intermediate at the Baroda Center and a prestigious All India Rank 8. These achievements underscore the chapter's dedication to producing high-caliber professionals ready to lead in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Charging the Future: Webinar on EV Business and Financing Models

On March 9, 2026, the Chapter in collaboration with WRI India and CoEZET IIT Madras, hosted a forward-thinking CPE webinar titled "Electric Vehicles - Emerging Business and Financing Models." Led by industry experts Arun Krishnan and Sharvari Patki, the two-and-a-half-hour session provided 91 members with deep insights into climate finance, sustainable frameworks, and the strategic growth of e-mobility. The event successfully awarded 2 CPE Hours to participants, equipping them with the specialized knowledge needed to navigate the evolving financial and operational complexities of the electric vehicle sector.

Strategic Compliance: Year-End Considerations in IDT

On March 12, 2026, the Chapter organized a timely online CPE session titled "Year-End Consideration - IDT." The webinar featured expert speakers CMA Krunal Solanki and CA Basavaraj M, who provided 99 members with practical guidance on GST audits, ITC planning, and high-stakes litigation. The two-and-a-half-hour program, which awarded 2 CPE Hours, focused on navigating complex regulatory challenges and ensuring robust compliance as the financial year draws to a close, offering attendees valuable strategic opinions for their professional practice.

Mastering the Complexities: Merger & Acquisition - Indirect Tax

On March 16, 2026, the Chapter hosted a high-impact online CPE session focused on “Merger & Acquisition-Indirect Tax.” Attended by 113 members, the session was led by CA Jenil Jain from K C Mehta & Co LLP, who leveraged his nine years of expertise to demystify GST compliance and tax planning within corporate restructuring. Coordinated by Chapter Secretary CMA Vandit Trivedi, the event provided participants with 2 CPE Hours and practical strategies for managing the technical intricacies of M&A, further solidifying the Chapter’s role in driving professional excellence.

CMA SRCC 2026: Empowering Future Leaders through "Saksham"

Hosted by the Chapter on March 17–18, 2026, the CMA Students Regional Cost Convention (SRCC) brought together 73 aspiring CMAs under the transformative theme "Saksham." Held at the Surat International Exhibition Convention Centre, the two-day event challenged students to evolve into strategic architects of value through high-pressure activities like the CMA Skill Sprint Hackathon, where Raulji Chiragsinh Pravinsinh secured first rank, and a Mock Parliament that saw Jaydutt Pathak honored as the top performer. From technical deep dives into the global economic order to creative talent showcases, the convention successfully instilled a mission-oriented mindset, equipping the next generation of professionals to lead a self-reliant India with both analytical rigor and visionary leadership.

Technological Leap: Grand Launch of Netram and VISWAS 2.0

On March 21, 2026, Vadodara marked a historic milestone in public safety and infrastructure with the grand launch of Netram and VISWAS 2.0 (Cluster 4) at Navlakhi Ground. Officiated by Chief Guest Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, the event unveiled a massive ₹172 crore technological upgrade for surveillance in Vadodara and Surat, alongside ₹335 crore for 44 district development projects. Attended by key dignitaries including Dr. Manishaben Vakil and Police Commissioner Shri Narasimha Komar, the ceremony symbolized a shift

toward tech-driven governance. For the hundreds of students and community members present, the foundation stone-laying ceremony represented a collective commitment to a smarter, more secure, and progressive future for Gujarat.

Empowering Careers: Placement and Training Initiatives

The Chapter recently conducted a series of robust Placement and Training activities designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. These initiatives provided a vital platform for a large number of students and members to enhance their professional skill sets and secure rewarding career opportunities. By facilitating direct engagement with recruiters and offering specialized training modules, the Chapter continues to play a pivotal role in the professional success and career advancement of the CMA fraternity.

AHMEDABAD CHAPTER

Diamond Jubilee Milestone: CMA Practitioner Convention 2026

The Chapter inaugurated its Diamond Jubilee (Heerak Mahotsav) celebrations with a prestigious CMA Practitioner Convention on February 26, 2026, at the Welcome Hotel by ITC, Ahmedabad. Commemorating 60 years of professional excellence, the event was inaugurated by a distinguished panel of leaders, including CMA Dr. Ghanshyam Trivedi and several Council Members. The convention featured high-impact technical sessions covering smart investment strategies by Devarsh Vakil, the integration of Artificial Intelligence in professional work by CA Fenil Shah, and MSME management consulting by CA Pinal Shah. With additional expert insights on inventory valuation and opportunities in the banking and insurance sectors, the interactive sessions provided the participating members with a strategic roadmap for navigating the evolving financial ecosystem.

Honor and Celebration: Dec '25 Convocation and Yuvotsav

The Chapter hosted a landmark felicitation ceremony and Yuvotsav on February 27, 2026, at Sardar Patel Smarak to celebrate the success of students from the December 2025 examinations.

Distinguished guests Dr. Neerja A. Gupta (Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University) and CMA Hiranand Savlani (CFO, Astral Ltd) delivered inspiring addresses, highlighting the vast opportunities for CMAs in both industrial and government sectors. The event featured several prestigious awards, including the H.C. Shah Gold Medal to Vishal K. Raval (Final) and the Hiranand Savlani Gold Medal to Mahek S. Vardhani (Intermediate AIR 13). A special highlight was the lifetime felicitation of CMA P.D. Modh for his 22-year tenure as Oral Coaching Chairman. The evening concluded with a high-energy talent showcase at Yuvotsav, reflecting the vibrant spirit and holistic growth of the Ahmedabad student community.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration: Honoring a 60-Year Legacy

On February 28, 2026, the Chapter celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, marking six decades of excellence and growth within the CMA profession. The "Heerak Mahotsav" featured a prestigious felicitation ceremony graced by Chief Guest Shri Pravin G. Mali (Hon'ble Minister of State, Government of Gujarat) and Guest of Honour Mr. Rajendra Patel (JMD, Icemake Refrigeration Ltd). The evening served as a tribute to the chapter's foundational leaders, where past chairpersons, CMA achievers, and dedicated staff were honored for their contributions to India's financial ecosystem. Attended by a distinguished assembly of corporate directors and CFOs, the milestone celebration concluded with a vibrant Hardil Pandya concert, perfectly blending professional legacy with a grand cultural finale.

Diamond Jubilee Finale: CMA Connection Cricket League 2026

The Chapter concluded its Diamond Jubilee celebrations with the high-energy CMA Connection Cricket League on March 1, 2026, at Clean Bowled Cafe, Ahmedabad. The tournament featured a robust lineup of sixteen men's teams and four women's teams, inaugurated by Chapter Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati and Secretary CMA Sunil Tejwani. In the men's division, the CMA Gladiators emerged as champions over the CMA Royals, with Mit Prajapati earning Player of the Tournament. The women's title was claimed by CMA Super Women,

led by Player of the Tournament Ms. Heena, after a thrilling final against CMA Champion Women. The event was a resounding success, fostering spirited competition and a sense of unity among members and students to mark 60 years of the chapter's legacy.

Empowering Female Professionals: Financial Literacy and Wealth Management

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2026, the Chapter hosted a specialized Continuing Education Programme (CEP) focused on the financial empowerment of female CMAs. Held at the Chapter premises, the session featured expert speakers CA Vaibhavi Chaniyara and Dr. Bhargavi Khatri, who provided actionable insights into investment planning, wealth management, and the critical importance of financial literacy for women in the profession. Welcomed and felicitated by members CMA Devika Dave, CMA Reena Patadia, and CMA Shivangi Shah, the speakers delivered highly practical presentations designed to help female professionals navigate complex financial landscapes and build long-term security.

Bridging the Gap: Advanced Skill Training Program for Final Students

From March 11 to March 21, 2026, the Chapter conducted a rigorous 11-day Advanced Skill Training Program tailored for students of the December 2025 Final exam term. The program opened with an inspiring address by Chief Guest CMA Sunny Patel (Associate Director, PwC), who emphasized the growing strategic importance of CMAs in the global corporate landscape. Over the course of the training, a panel of eminent faculty members delivered deep-dive presentations on professional competencies essential for modern careers. The program concluded with a valedictory session led by CMA Jalpan Dholakia (General Manager Finance & Chief Cost Officer, Cadila Pharmaceuticals), where participants were awarded certificates of completion. Coordinated by Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati and Secretary CMA Sunil Tejwani, the initiative successfully equipped future professionals with the technical and leadership skills necessary to excel in high-stakes corporate environments.

Practical Insights: CEP Webinar on Handling GST Notices

On March 12, 2026, the Chapter hosted a timely and practical CPE webinar titled "Handling GST Notices – Practical Insights." Expert speaker CMA Vikas Agrawal led the session, breaking down the complexities of tax correspondence into manageable, actionable strategies for the large number of participating members. Coordinated by CMA Ashish Bhavsar, the interactive forum focused on real-world application, providing professionals with the necessary tools to navigate regulatory inquiries with precision. The webinar concluded as a significant success, reinforcing the Chapter's commitment to equipping its members with high-value, technical expertise in indirect taxation.

Milestone Achievement: Valedictory Session of CAT Batch 388

On March 13, 2026, the Chapter hosted a successful valedictory session to mark the completion of the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) Batch (Course No. 388-11-2025). Chapter Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati delivered a comprehensive welcome address, outlining the professional scope and expanding career opportunities available to CAT qualifiers in the modern financial landscape. The ceremony concluded with the official felicitation of all participants, who were awarded their certificates of completion. This session reinforced the Chapter's dedication to developing a skilled grassroots workforce of accounting professionals equipped to support India's evolving economic sectors.

Leading the Charge: Chapter at the SRCC 2026

Under the visionary theme "Empowered CMAs for Empowered India," a significant delegation from the Chapter participated in the Students Regional Cost Convention (SRCC) held in Surat on March 17–18, 2026. Led by Chapter Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati and CMA Ashish Bhavsar, the students engaged in high-level technical sessions and competitive forums designed to transform them into strategic value-creators for the nation. The Chapter's strong presence underscored its dedication to professional excellence and its active role in shaping the next generation of mission-oriented leaders committed to building a self-reliant India.

Specialized Insights: CEP Webinar on Cost Audit in Pharmaceutical Industries

The Chapter hosted a highly specialized CPE webinar on March 20, 2026, focusing on the nuances of Cost Audit within the Pharmaceutical Industry. Led by expert speaker CMA Sukrut Mehta, the session provided a large audience of professional members with a clear and practical breakdown of regulatory compliance and cost-efficiency strategies unique to the pharma sector. Chapter Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati opened the event, which featured an interactive deep dive into industry-specific audit challenges. Coordinated by CMA Jainil Patadia and concluded with a vote of thanks by CMA Ashish Bhavsar, the webinar successfully equipped practitioners with the technical expertise required to navigate one of India's most vital and regulated sectors.

Strengthening the Core: CEP on Mind Management

On March 21, 2026, the Chapter hosted a unique and impactful Continuing Professional Education (CPE) session titled "Mind Management" at the Chapter premises. Led by the esteemed CMA P. D. Modh, the session moved beyond technical expertise to focus on the psychological resilience and cognitive clarity required of modern finance professionals. Chapter Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati opened the event, which saw a robust turnout of members eager to learn practical techniques for stress reduction and enhanced decision-making. Introduced by CMA Yash Jodhani and felicitated by CMA Amit Raval, the speaker delivered a masterclass in maintaining professional focus and emotional balance, reinforcing the Chapter's holistic approach to member development.

NASHIK CHAPTER

Decoding the Future: Webinar on Union Budget 2026–27

The Chapter hosted a high-impact webinar titled "Budget 2026–27 | Decoded" on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Led by expert speaker CMA Amit Shahane, a Practicing Cost Accountant, the session provided a comprehensive breakdown of the latest fiscal policies and their strategic implications for industry and taxation. Attended by a large cohort of CMA members, students, and finance

professionals, the two-hour session—accredited with 2 CPE Hours—focused on enhancing professional competence by translating complex budget announcements into actionable insights. This initiative underscores the Chapter's ongoing commitment to keeping the professional community at the forefront of India's evolving regulatory and financial landscape.

Honoring Excellence: Chapter Felicitations Ceremony 2026

On February 28, 2026, the Chapter hosted a grand Felicitations Ceremony at NICE Hall, Nashik, to celebrate the success of students from the December 2025 exam term. The event honored those who cleared the Foundation, Intermediate, and Final examinations, marking a significant milestone in their professional journeys. The ceremony featured distinguished Chief Guests CMA Dr. Prasanna Tillu, CMA Mrs. Sunetra Ganesan, and CMA Vishal Bharadwaj, who provided motivational insights to the next generation of finance leaders. Supported by the Chapter's Managing Committee—including Chairman CMA Dhananjay Jadhav, Treasurer CMA Santosh Bramhankar, and Committee Members CMA Mayur Nikam and CMA Maithili Malpure—the students were recognized for their dedication and hard work in front of an audience of proud parents and peers. Anchored with professional flair by CMA student Sankarshan Rathi, the evening served as both a celebration of past achievements and a launchpad for the bright careers ahead of Nashik's newest CMA professionals.

Shaping Future Leaders: Career Counselling at Sir Dr. M. S. Gosavi College

The Chapter organized a successful Career Counselling Program at Sir Dr. M. S. Gosavi College of Commerce to introduce students to the dynamic world of Cost and Management Accountancy. Led by CMA Arpita Fedgade, the session provided a deep dive into the CMA course structure, its global relevance, and the diverse career trajectories available in finance, industry, and strategic management.

During the interactive session, CMA Fedgade highlighted the importance of professional certifications in the current competitive job market, motivating students to look beyond traditional roles toward becoming strategic value-creators.

The program saw enthusiastic participation, with students engaging in a Q&A session to clarify academic requirements and industry expectations. The Chapter remains committed to these outreach initiatives, ensuring that aspiring commerce graduates are well-informed about the prestigious opportunities within the CMA fraternity.

PUNE CHAPTER

Rise India Leadership Summit 2026: Shaping the Future of GCCs

The ICAI Career Counselling & Placement Committee, in collaboration with the Chapter, successfully organized the inaugural Rise India Leadership Summit 2026, focusing on the transformative role of Global Capability Centres (GCCs). Inaugurated by Chief Guest CMA Rajaneesh Jain (President & CFO, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd) alongside Vice President CMA Neeraj Joshi and other eminent dignitaries, the summit highlighted the evolving strategic contributions of Cost and Management Accountants in an AI-driven era. Through three intensive technical sessions, experts delved into the new regulatory frameworks for GCCs, AI-powered finance as a catalyst for *Viksit Bharat*, and the critical role of finance professionals in value creation. Attended by a vast assembly of CFOs, HR heads, and industry leaders, the summit underscored ICAI's commitment to producing future-ready professionals capable of navigating the complex global business landscape with qualitative excellence and technical precision.

Live Budget with Coffee: Decoding the Union Budget 2026–27

On Sunday, February 1, 2026, the Chapter hosted a unique and interactive session, "Live Budget with Coffee 2026–27," at CMA Bhawan, Karve Nagar. This signature event allowed members to witness the live telecast of the Union Budget in a collaborative professional environment. Following the broadcast, a high-level discussion was led by CMA Amit Apte (Former President, ICAI) and CMA Dr. Sanjay Bhargave (Ex-CCM & Advisor), who provided immediate technical analysis on the budget's impact on cost structures, taxation, and the national economy. Welcomed by Secretary CMA Himanshu Dave, the session saw a robust turnout of members who engaged in a deep-dive dialogue, ensuring that Pune's CMA fraternity remained at

the forefront of fiscal policy interpretation.

Foundation for Success: Inaugural Session for January–June 2026 Batch

On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, the Chapter officially welcomed its newest cohort of aspiring professionals during the Inaugural Program for the Foundation Course (January–June 2026 batch). Held at CMA Bhawan, Karvenagar, the session was led by Chief Guest CMA Amit Shahane and CMA Himanshu Dave (Secretary & Chairman-Coaching Committee). The program focused on orienting students to the rigorous standards of the profession, with CMA Himanshu Dave providing strategic study tips and exam preparation techniques. Chief Guest CMA Amit Shahane shared practical "tricks of the trade" for academic achievement, encouraging the students to view the Foundation level as the bedrock of a prestigious global career. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the beginning of a dedicated six-month journey toward professional excellence for the new batch.

Celebrating Success and Heritage: Students' Day 2026

The Chapter celebrated Students' Day on February 21, 2026, at CMA Bhawan, Karvenagar, to honor the achievers of the December 2025 examinations. The day was marked by a unique blend of professional pride and Maharashtrian heritage, with dignitaries and students donning the traditional Feta (turban). Inaugurated by CMA Neeraj Joshi (Vice President, ICAI) and Chapter Chairman CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli, the event featured inspiring addresses from Chief Guests CMA Hanmant Jamdade (Philips India) and Dr. Parag Kalkar (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, SPPU), alongside GST Joint Commissioner CMA Sanjali Dias. Over 120 merit and rank holders were felicitated with prizes and certificates, sharing emotional success stories that highlighted the Chapter's support systems, such as its library and computer labs. The ceremony balanced rigorous career advice on soft skills and commitment with a vibrant cultural showcase and a traditional lunch, fostering a deep sense of camaraderie among the students, parents, and faculty members present.

Strategic Insights: Webinar on "Budget 2026–27 Decoded"

On February 16, 2026, the Chapter conducted a

highly successful virtual session via Google Meet titled "Budget 2026–27 Decoded." Keynote speaker CMA Amit Shahane provided a comprehensive analysis of the fiscal year's provisions, specifically emphasizing the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in leadership-level decision-making and financial planning. The event, which drew an overwhelming response from the professional community, was opened by Chapter Chairman CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli, who set a collaborative tone for the technical deep-dive. The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks from Vice Chairman CMA Rahul Chincholkar, reinforcing the Chapter's mission to keep its members strategically aligned with the latest national economic policies and technological advancements.

Future-Ready Taxation: Residential Program on AI and GST Litigation

The AI Strategy & Capacity Building Board, in coordination with the Indirect Tax Committee of ICAI, hosted an intensive two-day residential program on February 7–8, 2026, at Le Tranquil Resort, Lonavala. This specialized retreat was designed to bridge the gap between traditional tax practice and the burgeoning field of legal technology.

Inaugurated by CMA Neeraj Joshi (Vice-President, ICAI) and Chapter Chairman CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli, the curriculum was divided into high-impact technical sessions:

- ⦿ AI Foundations: CMA Dr. Milind Joshi introduced the core concepts of Artificial Intelligence and its immediate relevance to the accounting profession.
- ⦿ Taxation Applications: CMA Sekhar Sane and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir (Secretary, WIRC) detailed the practical integration of AI within modern taxation systems to enhance accuracy and compliance.
- ⦿ Litigation Strategy: The program concluded with a deep dive into GST Litigation led by CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli and CMA Rahul Chincholkar, focusing on how AI tools can assist in case preparation and navigating complex indirect tax disputes.

The event, concluded with votes of thanks from CMA Himanshu Dave and CMA Rahul Chincholkar, successfully equipped participants with the strategic foresight needed to lead in an

AI-driven professional landscape.

Professional Ethics: Webinar on Draft Council Guidelines for Advertisement, 2025

On December 27, 2025, the Chapter, in a joint initiative with the Surat South Gujarat and Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Chapters, hosted a critical webinar focused on the "Draft Council Guidelines for Advertisement, 2025." Designed specifically for members in practice, the session featured CMA Ashish Thatte (Council Member) as the keynote speaker. The discussion centered on the evolving regulatory framework governing professional visibility, ensuring that practicing Cost Accountants can navigate promotional activities while maintaining the highest standards of professional ethics and dignity. The webinar received an overwhelming response, reflecting the professional community's commitment to staying compliant with the Institute's latest governance standards.

Expanding Horizons: Career Counselling Initiatives – January 2026

Throughout January 2026, the Chapter launched a series of high-impact Career Counselling Programs across prestigious educational institutions in Pune. These sessions were designed to raise awareness about the Cost and Management Accountancy (CMA) profession, highlighting its strategic importance in the global economy and the diverse career pathways it offers to young aspirants.

Key highlights of the outreach included:

- ⦿ Anees Defence Institute (January 3, 2026): CMA Amey Tikle (Committee Member) addressed a vibrant group of over 60 students from the 11th and 12th grades. The session focused on early career planning and the long-term value of professional qualifications.
- ⦿ Marathvada Mitra Mandal College, Deccan (January 7, 2026): Chapter Secretary CMA Himanshu Dave led an interactive session, guiding college students through the CMA course structure, entry points, and the increasing demand for cost professionals in industry and consultancy.
- ⦿ Siddhivinayak College, Karvenagar: CMA Minal Paranjape, supported by Chapter staff member Sandip Joshi, conducted a detailed orientation for students, providing practical

insights into the registration process and the comprehensive support facilities available at the Chapter.

These initiatives underscore the Chapter's commitment to nurturing future talent and ensuring that the next generation of finance leaders is well-equipped to make informed professional choices.

Empowering Defense Personnel: CAT Course Part-I Examination under DGR

The Chapter successfully conducted the Part-I Examination for the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) Course on January 19, 2026, at CMA Bhawan, Karvenagar. This specialized program, which commenced on November 24, 2025, is a dedicated initiative for 47 Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (OR) under the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (Ministry of Defence).

The examination was administered in strict accordance with the Institute's regulatory norms, marking a significant milestone in the resettlement journey of these defense personnel. By equipping them with essential accounting and financial skills, the Chapter continues to support the successful transition of India's veterans into productive and high-value civilian professional roles.

Strategic Roadmap: Felicitation and Guidance for Foundation Achievers

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, the Chapter organized a celebratory felicitation and high-level guidance session at CMA Bhawan, Karvenagar, specifically for students who successfully cleared the Foundation exams. The program aimed to bridge the transition to the Intermediate level, featuring Chief Guest CMA Sharad Adke (Dy. Gen. Manager – Finance, Tata Motors) and Guest of Honor Dr. Kishor Desarda (Principal, Garware College of Commerce).

Key Strategic Insights for Intermediate Students:

- ⦿ Exam Pattern Shift: Chairman CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli highlighted the transition from MCQ-based patterns to written descriptive examinations, urging students to refine their writing skills and subject-specific strategies.
- ⦿ Skill & Practical Training: The leadership emphasized the mandatory Skill Training Program and the critical importance of

Articleship in specialized areas like Cost Audit and GST to build a robust professional foundation.

- ⊙ **Professional Discipline:** CMA Neeraj Joshi (President, ICAI) and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir (Secretary, WIRC) advised students to prioritize networking, practice English communication, and balance the use of Artificial Intelligence with core technical expertise.
- ⊙ **Study Methodology:** The guest speakers recommended a "Planning-First" approach, advocating for the use of official study materials, time management, and starting exams with "easy" questions to build confidence during the paper.

The session, welcomed by Secretary CMA Himanshu Dave, provided a holistic roadmap for the students, blending academic advice with the soft skills necessary to excel in the competitive global finance landscape.

Patriotism and Professionalism: 77th Republic Day Celebration

The Chapter observed India's 77th Republic Day with a solemn flag-hoisting ceremony on Monday, January 26, 2026, at CMA Bhawan, Karvenagar. The Tricolour was unfurled at 8:00 AM by CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli (Chairman, ICAI-Pune Chapter) and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir (Secretary, ICAI-WIRC), followed by a collective recital of the National Anthem.

The gathering was welcomed by Past Chairman CMA Nilesh Kekan, while CMA Dr. D. V. Joshi (Past President, ICAI) and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir delivered inspiring addresses to the students, emphasizing the role of Cost and Management Accountants in nation-building and economic sovereignty. The event saw a strong turnout from the managing committee, including Vice Chairman CMA Rahul Chincholkar, Secretary CMA Himanshu Dave, and Treasurer CMA Tanuja Mantrawadi, alongside numerous members, students, and staff, all united in celebrating the democratic spirit of the nation.

Modernizing Trade: CPE on Reforms in Customs 2026

To commemorate International Customs Day, the Chapter successfully organized a specialized

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program titled "Reforms in Customs" on January 27, 2026. The event served a dual purpose: celebrating the 1953 inauguration of the Customs Co-operation Council (now the World Customs Organization) and providing members with a deep dive into India's evolving trade regulations.

The session featured a high-level technical address by Shri Rajesh Ingale, an Ex-Government professional with extensive expertise in customs and taxation. The program was further elevated by the presence of Chief Guest Shri Sumit Kumar, Principal Additional Director General (DGTS), along with senior officials from the Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, who shared strategic perspectives on trade facilitation and compliance.

Welcomed by Vice Chairman CMA Rahul Chincholkar, the participants engaged in an interactive dialogue covering recent policy shifts aimed at digitizing and streamlining customs procedures. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Secretary CMA Himanshu Dave, marking another successful initiative by the Chapter to bridge the gap between regulatory authorities and finance professionals.

SURAT-SOUTH GUJARAT CHAPTER

Strategic Convergence: Webinar on Budget 2026 & India @ 2047 Vision

On February 3, 2026, a collaborative initiative by the Surat South Gujarat, Baroda, and Bharuch Ankleshwar Chapters brought together over 90 finance professionals for a high-level webinar titled "Budget 2026 & India @ 2047 Vision – Alignment Analysis."

The session, led by esteemed keynote speakers CMA Dr. Shailendra Saxena and CMA Manoj Malpani, provided a deep-dive analysis into how the current fiscal provisions are structured to meet the long-term milestones of the Viksit Bharat 2047 roadmap. The speakers decoded the strategic shift from short-term fiscal targets to long-term infrastructure, sustainability, and digital economy goals. Participants gained critical insights into the evolving role of Cost and Management Accountants as catalysts for this national transformation, ensuring that corporate growth remains aligned with India's journey toward becoming a developed global economy.

Local Excellence, National Impact: Press Conference for Dec 2025 Results

The Chapter hosted a high-profile Press Meet on February 11, 2026, at its campus in Ritz Square, Ghod Dod Road, to announce the remarkable performance of its students in the December 2025 Inter and Final examinations.

The event was attended by a distinguished panel including CMA Nanty Shah (Vice-Chairman, WIRC), CMA Kishor Vaghela (Chairman), CMA Vipinkumar Patel (Secretary), CMA Ashvin Ambaliya (Treasurer), CMA Brijesh Mali (Past Chairman), and CMA Deepali Lakdawala (MC Member).

The Chapter proudly announced that its students secured a staggering 14 All India Ranks (AIR) at the Intermediate level and 4 All India Ranks at the Final level, cementing Surat's position as a premier hub for CMA education. Chairman CMA Kishor Vaghela and the Managing Committee congratulated the successful candidates, offering strategic guidance on future career prospects and the growing role of CMAs in India's industrial growth.

Professional Branding: Masterclass on "How to Make an Effective CV"

On February 14, 2026, the Chapter hosted a high-impact special session titled "How to Make an Effective CV" at CMA Bhawan, Surat. Designed specifically for newly qualified students and finalists, the session was led by CMA Kenish Mehta, who provided a strategic roadmap for navigating the competitive executive job market.

The masterclass moved beyond basic formatting, with CMA Mehta sharing expert insights on:

- ⦿ Strategic Structuring: Prioritizing information to pass Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) and catch a recruiter's eye in seconds.
- ⦿ Quantifying Achievements: Moving from "responsibilities" to "results" by using data-driven metrics.
- ⦿ Industry Alignment: Tailoring resumes to meet the specific technical and soft-skill demands of the modern finance and manufacturing sectors.
- ⦿ Professional Presentation: Refining the visual aesthetics and linguistic tone of the document to reflect a high-level professional identity.

The interactive session concluded with a robust Q&A, leaving participants motivated and equipped with the tools to build a powerful professional brand and unlock premier career opportunities.

Celebrating Triumph: Prize Distribution Function for December 2025 Achievers

On February 22, 2026, the Chapter hosted a grand Prize Distribution Function at the VNSGU Convention Hall, Surat, to honor the outstanding success of students from the December 2025 examination term. The ceremony served as a prestigious platform to recognize the hard work of approximately 750 successful candidates across the Foundation, Intermediate, and Final levels.

The event was graced by a distinguished panel of leaders:

- ⦿ Chief Guest: CMA Ashish Thatte (Council Member, ICAI)
- ⦿ Guest of Honor: Dr. Kishorsinh Chavda (Vice Chancellor, VNSGU, Surat)
- ⦿ Special Guests: CMA Nanty Shah (Vice-Chairman, WIRC) and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir (Secretary, WIRC)

The evening commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome from Chapter Chairman CMA Kishor Vaghela. Vice Chairman CMA Keval Shah introduced the dignitaries, who collectively shared words of wisdom and blessings, urging the new achievers to uphold the highest standards of ethics and professional excellence. The massive gathering of students and parents underscored the Chapter's growing influence in the region. The inspiring ceremony concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Treasurer CMA Ashvin Ambaliya, marking a proud chapter in the journey of Surat's future finance leaders.

Bridging Potential: Career Counselling at BRCM BBA College

On February 24, 2026, the Chapter continued its mission of academic outreach by organizing a comprehensive Career Counselling session at BRCM BBA College, Surat.

Led by Chapter Chairman CMA Kishor Vaghela, alongside dedicated staff members Mr. Brahmanand Swain and Mr. Atul S. Singh, the program provided a roadmap for approximately 150 students aspiring to enter the high-stakes world of corporate finance.

The session focused on:

- ⦿ The CMA Journey: A detailed breakdown of the Foundation, Intermediate, and Final stages of the course.
- ⦿ Global Opportunities: Exploring the expanding footprint of Cost and Management Accountants

in multinational corporations, statutory audits, and strategic consultancy.

- ⊙ **Economic Value:** Insights into how CMAs act as the "Value Drivers" of an organization by optimizing costs and ensuring sustainable business growth.

By engaging directly with BBA students, the Chapter highlighted the natural synergy between management studies and the CMA professional qualification, empowering the next generation to make informed, strategic career decisions.

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD CHAPTER

CultFest 2K26- Students' Felicitation Event

On March 13, 2026, the Chapter organized the Students Felicitation Function and Cultural Activities Program (CultFest- 2K26) at Ga Di Madgulkar Natyagruha, Nigdi, Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune. Dignitaries were Chief Guest Shri. Mandar Ashok Kelkar, Additional Commissioner, State Tax (SGST), Yerwada, Pune, CMA Neeraj D Joshi, Vice-President, CMA Mihir Vyas, Chairman, WIRC, CMA Harshad Deshpande, Council Member, CMA Mahendra Bhombe, Member of WIRC, ICMAI, CMA

Mohandas Nair, Business Controller, Atlas Copco India (Private) Limited, Pune, CMA Ajay Kumar, CFO, Minda Corporation Limited, CMA Dinesh Sahane, Deputy General Manager, Sabros Limited, CMA Sachin Asole, Finance Director, GKN Sinter Metal Private Limited and members of the managing committee Chairman CMA Balkrishna Hajare, Vice-Chairman, CMA Kunal Wakte, Treasurer, CMA Guruprasad Kulkarni and P D Committee Chairman CMA Sagar Malpure, CMA Ajit Shinde & CMA R B Laddha. CMA Mahendra Bhombe highlighted the growing importance of cost accountants in strategic decision-making, emphasizing innovation, problem-solving, and continuous professional development. Vice-President, CMA Neeraj Joshi shared valuable practical insights, stressing discipline, analytical thinking and the importance of staying aligned with evolving industry requirements. Chief Guest, Shri Mandar Ashok Kelkar delivered a thought-provoking address, emphasizing integrity, continuous learning, and the vital role of cost accountants in strengthening financial governance and contributing to the nation's development.

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